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Deaths reported due to lethargic encephalitis, by age, sex, and color, in the registration area (exclusive of Hawaii), 1920.

| Age. | Males. | | | Females. | | |
|------------------------|--------|--------|----------|----------|--------|----------|
| | Total. | White. | Colored. | Total. | White. | Colored. |
| All ages..... | 781 | 755 | 26 | 724 | 698 | 26 |
| Under 1 year..... | 15 | 15 | ..... | 15 | 11 | 4 |
| 1 year..... | 16 | 15 | 1 | 25 | 24 | 1 |
| 2 years..... | 19 | 17 | 2 | 12 | 12 | ..... |
| 3 years..... | 10 | 9 | 1 | 14 | 13 | 1 |
| 4 years..... | 8 | 8 | ..... | 15 | 15 | ..... |
| 5 to 9 years..... | 41 | 39 | 2 | 47 | 45 | 2 |
| 10 to 19 years..... | 91 | 89 | 2 | 90 | 89 | 1 |
| 20 to 29 years..... | 152 | 147 | 5 | 122 | 118 | 4 |
| 30 to 39 years..... | 127 | 122 | 5 | 119 | 115 | 4 |
| 40 to 49 years..... | 141 | 135 | 5 | 123 | 116 | 7 |
| 50 to 59 years..... | 102 | 100 | 2 | 70 | 69 | 1 |
| 60 to 69 years..... | 43 | 42 | 1 | 53 | 53 | ..... |
| 70 to 79 years..... | 12 | 12 | ..... | 14 | 14 | ..... |
| 80 to 89 years..... | 2 | 2 | ..... | 2 | 2 | ..... |
| 90 years and over..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Unknown age..... | 2 | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

DEATH RATES IN A GROUP OF INSURED PERSONS.

DEATH RATES FOR PRINCIPAL CAUSES, DECEMBER AND YEAR, 1921, AND JANUARY 1921 AND 1922; AND COMPARISON BY COLOR FOR THE LAST QUARTERS OF 1919, 1920, AND 1921.

The accompanying tables are taken from the Statistical Bulletin of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for February, 1922. They present the mortality data of the industrial department of the company for December, 1921, and January, 1921 and 1922, and compare, by color, the death rates for the last quarters of the years 1919, 1920, and 1921.

The gross death rate among this group was slightly lower in January, 1922 (9.1 per 1,000) than in the corresponding month of either 1921 (9.5) or 1920 (10.4).

The death rate from influenza was slightly higher for January, 1922 (12.6 per 100,000) than for the same month of 1921 (10.2). The pneumonia death rate for January, 1922 (101.5 per 100,000), although it showed an increase over the rate for December, 1921 (76.5), was lower than the rate for January, 1921 (106.0).

The death rate for tuberculosis for January, 1922, was much lower than the rates for this disease for December, January, and year, 1921.

Increases in death rates over those for the corresponding period of 1921 are shown for organic heart disease, cancer, and Bright's disease.

Death rates (annual basis) for principal causes per 100,000 lives exposed, December and year, 1921, and January, 1921 and 1922.

[Industrial Department, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.]

| Cause of death. | Death rate per 100,000 lives exposed. | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| | January, 1922. | December, 1921. | January, 1921. | Year 1921. ¹ |
| Total, all causes..... | 910.0 | 885.9 | 948.7 | 853.8 |
| Typhoid fever..... | 3.7 | 6.0 | 3.7 | 6.6 |
| Measles..... | 2.3 | 1.3 | 3.0 | 3.1 |
| Scarlet fever..... | 7.2 | 5.5 | 10.2 | 6.9 |
| Whooping cough..... | 1.9 | 1.1 | 3.8 | 3.9 |
| Diphtheria..... | 24.7 | 31.3 | 28.4 | 23.3 |
| Influenza..... | 12.6 | 7.2 | 10.2 | 8.6 |
| Tuberculosis (all forms)..... | 102.3 | 105.6 | 116.5 | 115.1 |
| Tuberculosis of respiratory system..... | 93.1 | 93.5 | 107.7 | 103.6 |
| Cancer..... | 69.0 | 76.6 | 66.6 | 70.4 |
| Cerebral hemorrhage..... | 63.7 | 70.6 | 64.1 | 60.9 |
| Organic diseases of heart..... | 137.2 | 124.9 | 127.7 | 115.0 |
| Pneumonia (all forms)..... | 101.5 | 76.5 | 106.0 | 66.5 |
| Other respiratory diseases..... | 16.0 | 16.2 | 18.5 | 14.1 |
| Diarrhea and enteritis..... | 7.7 | 7.1 | 8.8 | 13.9 |
| Bright's disease (chronic nephritis)..... | 74.5 | 71.9 | 68.9 | 66.7 |
| Puerperal state..... | 17.3 | 17.0 | 17.5 | 19.5 |
| Suicides..... | 6.0 | 6.9 | 7.7 | 7.5 |
| Homicides..... | 7.3 | 8.4 | 7.2 | 6.6 |
| Other external causes (excluding suicides and homicides)..... | 47.9 | 50.2 | 50.7 | 56.2 |
| Traumatism by automobile..... | 8.5 | 12.5 | 7.8 | 11.9 |
| All other causes..... | 207.5 | 201.8 | 200.2 | 189.0 |

¹ Based on provisional estimates of lives exposed to risk in 1921

Death rates (annual basis) per 100,000 persons exposed, for principal causes, compared by color, for the last quarters of the years 1919, 1920, and 1921.

[Industrial Department, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.]

| Cause of death. | Death rate per 100,000 persons exposed. | | | | | |
|--|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | White. | | | Colored. | | |
| | Oct.-Dec., 1921. | Oct.-Dec., 1920. | Oct.-Dec., 1919. | Oct.-Dec., 1921. | Oct.-Dec., 1920. | Oct.-Dec., 1919. |
| All causes of death..... | 752.4 | 771.9 | 781.3 | 1,262.8 | 1,303.7 | 1,305.3 |
| Typhoid fever..... | 6.4 | 7.5 | 6.9 | 16.7 | 14.6 | 18.2 |
| Measles..... | .8 | 2.7 | 2.8 | .5 | .3 | .5 |
| Scarlet fever..... | 5.4 | 7.1 | 4.8 | .7 | 1.3 | 1.1 |
| Whooping cough..... | 1.3 | 3.8 | 2.5 | 2.1 | 6.3 | 2.9 |
| Diphtheria and croup..... | 32.0 | 32.2 | 33.2 | 17.2 | 9.3 | 10.7 |
| Influenza..... | 5.3 | 5.5 | 9.8 | 12.2 | 14.1 | 18.2 |
| Tuberculosis (all forms)..... | 81.0 | 97.2 | 106.2 | 233.8 | 259.9 | 281.2 |
| Tuberculosis of lungs..... | 73.2 | 87.2 | 95.8 | 214.7 | 235.3 | 259.3 |
| Tuberculous meningitis..... | 2.9 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 6.8 | 6.7 |
| Other forms of tuberculosis..... | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 14.6 | 17.8 | 15.2 |
| Meningitis (total)..... | 4.4 | 3.9 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 3.3 | 4.3 |
| Cerebral hemorrhage; apoplexy..... | 58.4 | 53.5 | 53.3 | 92.2 | 92.2 | 90.5 |
| Organic diseases of heart..... | 107.2 | 97.6 | 95.5 | 166.5 | 152.2 | 154.6 |
| Total respiratory diseases..... | 66.7 | 66.7 | 70.5 | 119.4 | 115.3 | 118.3 |
| Bronchitis..... | 5.7 | 5.6 | 6.6 | 9.3 | 10.8 | 10.1 |
| Bronchopneumonia..... | 19.6 | 20.5 | 21.7 | 28.2 | 25.9 | 25.6 |
| Pneumonia (lobar and undefined)..... | 33.6 | 33.0 | 34.8 | 69.5 | 67.3 | 71.8 |
| Other diseases of respiratory system..... | 7.9 | 7.7 | 7.5 | 12.4 | 11.8 | 10.7 |
| Diarrhea and enteritis..... | 12.3 | 15.9 | 15.9 | 10.5 | 17.1 | 17.9 |
| Under 2 years..... | 5.5 | 7.4 | 7.2 | 1.7 | 4.3 | 4.5 |
| 2 years and over..... | 6.7 | 8.5 | 8.7 | 8.8 | 12.8 | 13.4 |
| Nephritis and Bright's disease..... | 65.3 | 64.0 | 67.4 | 124.7 | 123.5 | 124.4 |
| Total puerperal state..... | 15.2 | 15.7 | 14.9 | 24.8 | 27.9 | 26.7 |
| Puerperal septicemia..... | 5.8 | 6.1 | 4.6 | 8.6 | 14.8 | 13.1 |
| Puerperal albuminuria and convulsions..... | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 8.4 | 5.3 | 6.4 |
| Other diseases of puerperal state..... | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 8.1 | 7.8 | 7.2 |
| Total external causes ¹ | 61.4 | 67.6 | 67.4 | 89.3 | 97.9 | 90.5 |
| Suicides..... | 7.3 | 6.6 | 4.9 | 6.4 | 3.0 | 5.6 |
| Homicides..... | 4.4 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 28.9 | 29.4 | 27.0 |
| Accidental and unspecified violence ² | 49.6 | 57.5 | 56.8 | 53.7 | 65.5 | 56.6 |
| Accidental drowning..... | 2.4 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 2.9 | 5.0 | 3.5 |
| Automobile accidents..... | 14.1 | 14.6 | 12.8 | 9.3 | 6.5 | 10.4 |
| War deaths..... | .2 | .3 | 2.6 | .2 | ..... | 1.3 |
| All other and ill-defined causes of deaths..... | 229.1 | 231.1 | 225.0 | 346.8 | 368.9 | 345.3 |

¹ Includes "war deaths."

² Excludes "war deaths."

CONFERENCE OF HEALTH AUTHORITIES.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF STATE AND TERRITORIAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES WITH THE UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE TO BE HELD AT WASHINGTON, D. C., ON MAY 17 AND 18, 1922.

The Twentieth Annual Conference of State and Territorial Health Authorities with the United States Public Health Service will be held at Washington, D. C., on May 17 and 18, 1922.

It is expected that important State and National public health matters will be brought before the conference for action and the Surgeon General has urged that each State be represented by an official delegate and also that the chief sanitary engineers of the different States be present.